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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Arizona Symphonic Winds starts their series of concerts in Udall Park on May 17. *See page 4*
- \* Memorial Day: All city offices, including the Ward 2 office, will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

On Tuesday night, we approved a tentative budget. There are still some touch ups we have to do, but we have our total limit in place.

We restored some of the cuts in the manager's budget, particularly those in Parks and Recreation. As all of you know, this is of special importance for me and I'm glad that we aren't going to neglect our park system.

I've gotten a few e-mails from people concerned about possible cuts to police and fire. As it stands now, there will be no force readiness reduction. I will not allow our service delivery by first responders to be compromised.

We also have not made any cuts in service to SunTran. In July, the SunLink Streetcar comes on line. Once we have seen how ridership is on the streetcar, it will be time to reevaluate our rate structure. Until we can assess

the system as a whole, we can't make any moves on rate increases.

I welcome your suggestions as we finish up this tough budget process. Keep in touch.

It wasn't all budget gloom and doom on Tuesday night. We honored the Friends of Ft Lowell Park for their work on restoring the pond at the park with a Commissioners Award. Here is the official citation:

*"In appreciation for improving Ft. Lowell Park experiences for the public through enhancement of wildlife habitation to the pond area through native plants, protective bird nesting areas, and educational signage."*

As great a job as I think Jim Conroy and our east side parks crew does, he also depends a lot on citizens giving their time. Thank you Friends of Ft

Lowell for your continued work on the park.

Also honored were the two preservationists who restored the San Pedro Chapel across the street from the park. Simon Herbert took me on a tour of the chapel months ago and I appreciated his insight and care for our history. David Yubeta has won awards before for his work at San Xavier and Tumacacori. Thank you both.

To close out on parks, my office has been working to make sure that the Little Leagues at Udall, Ft Lowell, Palo Verde and Jesse Owens are all on equal footing when it comes to facilities. We worked with Parks and Recreation and managed to find some resources for things like fences, scoreboards and improved field conditions. The amounts were small compared to what we've been dealing with in the budget discussions, judg-

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ing from the phone calls I've gotten from Little League parents, they have made an impact. I have passed on all of your thanks to the parks employees that did the hard work on this.

I think we saw a little bit of the impact of past investments in youth sports over the past few weeks. Three Ward 2 schools, Desert Christian, Palo Verde and Sahuaro, all made the final rounds of the state high school baseball championships. Desert Christian and Palo Verde both won their division championships this weekend, while Sahuaro made the semifinal of Division II. Congratulations to coaches Grant Hopkins, Jim Mentz and Mark Chandler, and of course, the student athletes.

It's getting hot out there. Remember to drink plenty of water and keep your pets in the shade during those midday hours.

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## ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

This year, the Arizona Symphonic Winds is celebrating 25 years of free concerts at Udall Park. The concerts are all held at the László Veres Amphitheater.

May 24—Memorial Day, Americana, Lincoln Portrait: Pieces performed will include "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and Aaron Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait" featuring narrator Grayson Hirst.

May 31—Stars of the Future: A concert featuring younger players. Works will include "Nearer My God to Thee" and Ferdinand Hérold's "Zampa" overture with guest conductor Renee Shane-Boyd.

June 7—Cello Time with Ann Gratz: Featuring Tucson Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist Ann Gratz, who will be performing solos on "Hungarian Rhapsody" and Antonín Dvořák's "Waldesruhe."

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## SEALCOATING PROGRAM

Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co, under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will be sealcoating several Tucson roadways over the next two months as part of the voter-approved \$100 million, five-year street bond program - Road Recovery.

Glenn Street from Swan to Craycroft is among the next set of improvements. Work is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 from 8 am to 4 pm.

During this work, travel lane restrictions will be in place, however at least one lane of travel will be maintained in both directions. Business and residential access will be maintained at all times during the project. The traveling public can expect delays when driving in these work areas. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work area.

For more information on the Road Recovery Program can be found at [www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds) or by calling (520) 837-6686.

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Broadway Intersection Improvements:** Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2014=> updated to substantially complete July 2014, final wrap up with Park and Ride complete and Broadway to 22nd started- August 2014. Coordinate of the three projects is necessitating the minor change.

Leland Road off Broadway reopened on May 21. The 2 entrances to Safeway off Broadway will be closed, one at a time, once the sewer work is approved (see below)

The traffic was redirected to the new pavement on the west side of Houghton yesterday. This will allow us to complete work on the east side of Houghton.

Water line work is completed

The new sewer installation is completed, and we are waiting the final approval from the Wastewater Department. All the paperwork is submitted, and once it is approved we will remove the old sewer lines and close up the area.

Storm drain and catch basin work is ongoing in areas where traffic is not driving.

Waiting on the completion of the sewer work to install precast box culverts for cross drainage.

Asphalt demolition and grading will begin on the east side of Houghton south of Broadway on 5/29. Roadway grading will continue on the east side of Houghton north of Broadway.

Landscape irrigation is going in on the north west corner of the intersection.

Light pole installation is on hold, pending some work by TEP.

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** This work will be starting in late June 2014

Final paperwork on the contract is wrapping up, and once the notice to proceed is issued, then the contractor will start work a few weeks after that. You will notice the contractor's trailer will be relocated right before this work starts.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** Utility relocations are in progress, with construction scheduled to start in July, pending utility relocations, and work at the intersection and Park and Ride. This project should take 18 months to complete.

All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked them to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean.

The artist selection panel has started their work on this project. They have narrowed the list of 30 artists down to three, whom they will interview for final selection today. We will keep you updated on the progress of the public art process, and let you know when the selected artist is available to meet with the public to discuss concepts for the art on this project. There are numerous art location opportunities throughout the project area.

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: May: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Avenue

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## UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

**Memorial Day:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Memorial Day Breakfast on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.. The event will cost \$4.00. Enjoy 15 minutes of stretching before a delicious breakfast and a live music performance.

For additional information on any of the programs listed above contact 791-4142.



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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Leisure Classes:** The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available for at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The catalog is also available for viewing on line at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com)

The catalog has complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, sports camps, registration, recreation center programs, and so much more.

Registration has started and the deadline to register for classes this summer is Saturday, May 17th. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 to register or for any additional information.

**Road Races:** The events will include a 1 mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). The cost for adults is \$4.00 and children is \$3.00. Registration is on-site at 5:45 p.m. and the events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track and Field Meet and Road Race. Contact the Sports Unit for questions or more information, 791-4870.

June 5, Reid Park, 22nd Street and Country Club, SW Corner

June 12, Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft, NW Corner

June 19, Lower Lincoln Park, 8280 E. Escalante, Off Escalante

June 26, Udall, 7200 E. Tanque Verde, Main Entrance

July 3, Lakeside Park, 8300 E. Stella, East of Lake

July 10, Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side

July 17, Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South End

**Arizona Symphonic Winds:** The Music in the Park concert series will take place in the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd.) on May 24, 31 and June 7. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. *See page 2 for complete schedule.*

**Tucson POPS:** The Tucson POPS concerts will take place at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park on May 25 and June 1, 8 and 15. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is the map of Reid Park.

**Udall Field Closures:** The Udall Soccer fields are closed for annual maintenance beginning April 28 through June 15. We thank the public for their patience during this time.

**Summer Swim Schedule:** Pools open for summer May 29 through July 30. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

